

February 3, 1975 Monday

PLATTSBURGH

*First, a salute to CBS Radio station W-E-A-V -
Plattsburgh, New York - today celebrating its Fortieth
Anniversary on the air.*

*W-E-A-V from where this broadcast has originated
when I have been skiing at Whiteface in the Adirondacks.*

BUDGET

In President Ford's new budget he sent to Congress, ^{he} ~~is~~ was asking for Three-Hundred-and-Forty-Nine Billion for ' Seventy-Six. This to include a deficit of more than Fifty Billion - the biggest ever in peacetime history.

But his budget also calls for drastic cutbacks in Federal spending - in the face of continuing energy and economic problems. And the President calling his new fiscal program - one of "honest self-denial;" adding that "it is a start in a new direction - along the permanent road of fiscal integrity."

REACTION FOLLOW BUDGET

~~As for~~ Congressional reaction. [?] ~~that was~~ largely
~~split~~ along party lines. ~~But the Democrats - perhaps the~~
~~loudest.~~ ^{— a Democrat —} Chairman George Mahon of the House Appropriations
Committee - saying, the new budget "will frighten thoughtful
Americans and arouse concern" right around the globe.
Congressman Gibbon of Florida adding that the President's
proposed spending cutbacks - "must mean he is going to be
a two-year President."

ATLANTA FOLLOW REACTION

Meanwhile, the President ^{was} flying to Atlanta to address a White House-sponsored conference on energy and the economy; there calling for joint action by Republicans and Democrats alike - to help cure the nations ills.

The President saying: "I have offered my plan."

Adding: "If the Congress will come forward with one of its own - a full comprehensive program and not just a series of individual criticism or conflicting pieces of legislation - I am sure we can iron out our differences."

WASHINGTON

~~Washington again~~ Secretary of State Kissinger
also was
~~was~~ discussing ~~today~~ the ~~current~~ energy problem;

saying the best way to bring down inflated world oil prices -
is to raise prices here at home via stiff import fees. Dr.
Kissinger claiming this would lead to a sharp drop - in
domestic oil consumption; adding that working together, oil-consuming nations,
could thus break the power of the major oil producers - *do it*
within two years.

DETROIT

On the auto front--General Motors today reported a sixty per cent drop in earnings last year; also, a twelve per cent ^{drop} in total sales. The nation's number one firm--no longer GM but now Exxon, the world's largest oil company.

LUANDA

The calm that followed a black takeover last week in the Portuguese colony of Angola - was shattered today by a gunfight between blacks and whites. This - in the capital city of Luanda. The trouble starting during a funeral procession - when an unidentified black shot a white policeman in the back. When the smoke had cleared - at least four dead.

ASMARA

In Ethiopia - government warplanes today bombed Eritrean guerilla positions - near the northern city of Asmara; in the process, leveling two rebel-held villages - killing at least a hundred and leaving thousands more homeless. The government also sending in fifty tanks - to reinforce some fifteen thousand government troops already stationed there.

EARTH ORBIT

*High above the earth - Russia's two Soyuz-
Seventeen cosmonauts - today established a new Soviet
space endurance record. Colonel Alexei Gubarev and
civilian flight engineer Georgi Grechko - now in their
twenty-fifth day in orbit. But the all-time record, of
course - that of America's Skylab-Four crew, which spent
nearly three months in space.*

NORFOLK

Former White House counsel John Dean was making two more appearances today - on his post-Watergate speaking tour. The first of these - at Virginia's Old Dominion University; where he again expressed ~~some~~ doubts - about the ethics of his expected gross of more than a Hundred Thousand. Dean ~~adding~~ ^{noted,} however: "There are not many alternatives for me to make a living - and this is one." Adding that from his own experience he ~~was~~ ^{is} still convinced - crime does not pay.

ALBANY

The newest innovation at Albany Medical College
in New York - a so-called "Medical Education Jukebox;"
a device that's not stacked with the latest musical hits -
but rather a hundred-and-sixty medical lectures; such as
"Care of the Patient in the Immediate Post-Operative ~~PERIOD~~
Period" - "Patient Education" - "Recognition of Homicide"
and so on.

This the brainchild - of Dr. Frank Woolsey of the
Albany faculty; who calls his ^{free} juke box "an effort to make
education so attractive and easy to obtain, - ~~that it's~~
~~almost unavoidable.~~ " ~~The doctor adding:~~ "We have
~~impulse buying~~ - so why not impulse education."

AMSTERDAM

From world chess headquarters in Amsterdam - news today that defending champ Bobby Fischer - has agreed to Manila as the site of this year's title match. The Philippine offer, as you know - including Five Million in prize money. ~~But now - a second report.~~ ^{However -} Russian challenger Anatoly Karpov - ~~saying~~ ^s he'd rather play in Milan, Italy; where the total purse, by the way - would be less than Half-a-Million.

~~Why then Milan? Hard to say. But~~ American chess spokesman Edmund Edmondson - ~~calling~~ ^s Karpov's request "ridiculous." Adding: "It's all part of a plan to create a situation so unfavorable - that Fischer won't play and the Soviets can have a paper champion."

NEWPORT

fan dancer
Remember Sally Rand? The famed fan dancer--~~dating~~
~~all the~~ way back *at* the Chicago *World's Fair?* ~~Well,~~
Sally, ~~is~~ seventy-five now *and* a grandmother--but still doing
her thing; starting out on another fan dancing tour--
with an appearance tonight at Newport, Kentucky.

Says Sally Rand ~~is~~ *saying:* "New fans--but the same
fanny."